TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3219 - SB 3144

March 1, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces, from 18 to 10 percent, the limit on the percentage of the total number of mental health or chemical dependency patients' reviews conducted by the utilization review agent for the previous calendar year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Mental Health, the provisions of the bill may reduce the amount of paperwork and staff time by mental health and substance abuse treatment providers for follow-up utilization reviews.
- Any decrease in expenditures will not be enough to significantly reduce reimbursement rates to contracted community mental health or substance abuse treatment providers.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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